

(b)            Remarks:

The claims are 1-48 with claims 1 and 46-48 being independent. The Examiner requires an election of species between Specie I, claims 1-9 and 31-45; Specie II, claims 1 and 5-45 and Specie III, claims 46-48. The requirement is respectfully traversed.

As required, Applicants provisionally elect (with traverse) Species I. The claims readable therein are 1-9 and 31-45.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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